

As a citizen who values public discourse and diverse opinions on our public airwaves, I object to Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. It is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It's vitally important that we see real people from our own communities, and more diverse and substantive news about issues that matter.

I want to state in the strongest terms, that I protest Sinclair's actions to impose one-sided political programming on its stations. They show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.